



Donald Strack

July 16, 1932 - July 3, 2025

Donald Henry Strack, age 92, of Randall, Minnesota, passed away peacefully on July 3, 2025, at St. Gabriel Hospital in Little Falls, just 13 days shy of his 93rd birthday. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11:00 A.M. on Friday, July 11, 2025 at St. James Catholic Church in Randall, MN with Father Ben Kociemba officiating. Burial will take place in the St. James Parish Cemetery in Randall, MN. Visitation will be held from 8:30-10:30 A.M. on Friday, July 11, 2025 at St. James Catholic Church in Randall, MN. Caring for Donald and his family is the LeMieur Funeral Home in Little Falls, MN.

Donald was born on July 16, 1932, in Long Prairie, Minnesota, and grew up working on his parents' farm. At age 18, he proudly served his country as a tank operator in the U.S. Army with the A/194 Tank Battalion. He completed basic training at Camp Rucker in Alabama. Following his military service, Donald pursued training in the trades at Dunwoody Institute in Minneapolis, where he studied machine tool and die making and became a skilled welder. He worked for Swift Packing Company before getting married and starting a family. In April of 1953, Donald was set up on a blind date with Kathryn Jares. They became engaged at Christmastime the following year. On August 20, 1955, he married the love of his life at the Church of the Visitation in Minneapolis, MN. In 1957, they settled in Randall, MN, where Donald purchased Ira Cyrus's blacksmith and radiator repair business. His entrepreneurial spirit led him to acquire his first school bus in 1959, steadily

growing what would become Strack's Bus Service. Donald took great pride in providing safe transportation for children from Randall and Little Falls. In 1990, Donald's son Tim and his wife Lorie bought the business and over 20 years later, Tim's son Joe and his wife Tara are now the owners and operators of the business. Donald's greatest joy was his family, and he loved nothing more than gathering with them. He enjoyed repairing cars, fishing, watching Sunday NASCAR, and offering a helping hand to anyone in need. A man of deep Catholic faith, Donald was devoted to daily prayer and found strength and comfort in his beliefs throughout his life.

Donald is survived by his loving wife of nearly 70 years, Kathryn; his children, Timothy (Lorie) Strack, Melissa (Dwight) Raatz, and Lynn (Vern) Vetsch; siblings, Janice (Leroy) Pusc, Carolyn (Walley) Wielinski, Judy (Tug) Hengel, Lois (Howard) Molde, Mary (Vern) Vernig, Dale (Sue) Strack, and Patricia (Dean) Colombe; ten grandchildren; and thirteen great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rudy and Isabell Strack; and his siblings, Arlene, Jack, Jerry, and Nancy.

His steadfast faith, generous heart, and devotion to family will be remembered and cherished by all who knew him.

Cemetery Details

St. James Cemetery

Randall, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 11. 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church
405 East Minnesota Avenue
Randall, MN 56475

Funeral Mass

JUL 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church
405 East Minnesota Avenue
Randall, MN 56475

Tribute Wall

HF

“ *Our sympathies to the family.* ”



Hale/Woodstrup Family - July 11, 2025 at 02:15 PM

FF

“ *Frank Jares' children and their families purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Donald Strack.* ”



Frank Jares' children and their families - July 10, 2025 at 03:59 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Strack.* ”



July 10, 2025 at 02:24 PM

AL

“ Ann, Sarah, Carrie, Sherry, Steph, Lisa purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Donald Strack.



Ann, Sarah, Carrie, Sherry, Steph, Lisa - July 10, 2025 at 08:23 AM

AL

“ Ann, Sarah, Carrie, Sherry, Steph, Lisa planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Strack.

Ann, Sarah, Carrie, Sherry, Steph, Lisa - July 10, 2025 at 08:23 AM

AS

“ May our gentle Jesus embrace Kathryn and family, to provide the comfort and peace beyond all understanding. Such a beautiful couple!



Chaplain Amie Schumacher, St. Gabriel's Hospital

Amie Schumacher - July 09, 2025 at 03:21 PM

LV

Bless you! You were such a beautiful comfort to us!! Thank you!

Lynn Vetsch - July 09, 2025 at 08:46 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Donald Strack.*



July 09, 2025 at 12:19 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald Strack.

July 09, 2025 at 12:19 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Donald Strack.*



July 09, 2025 at 12:05 PM



“ *Love, Alice Raatz Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Donald Strack.*



Love, Alice Raatz Family - July 09, 2025 at 07:17 AM



“ *Love, Alice Raatz Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Strack.*

Love, Alice Raatz Family - July 09, 2025 at 07:17 AM

TF

“ *The Scott & Raatz families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donald Strack.*



The Scott & Raatz families - July 08, 2025 at 06:54 PM

KS

“ *Melissa, my friend,*

I am holding you gently in my heart and wishing you serenity on the path ahead.



Kayleigh Schernbeck - July 08, 2025 at 03:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Strack.*



July 08, 2025 at 03:33 PM

HP

“ *I drove 5 years for the Strack Bus Co. Loved seeing him check in with Tim and Joe at the bus shed. Probably making sure they were doing it right. Hahaha 😊 I can assure you Don...they are making you proud. My sympathies to the entire Strack families. God bless you all 🙏💕*

Helen Pfeffer - July 08, 2025 at 12:32 PM

TT

“ Going to miss the legendary Blacksmith from Randall as I always teased him Always brought a smile to his face with that line A friend for 67 years No more classes on how to pound plow shares Never to be forgotten Thore Thorson

Thore Thorson - July 08, 2025 at 09:21 AM

TJ

“ Our thoughts and prayer going out to all the Strack family at this difficult time!

Todd and Connie Johnson



Todd & Connie Johnson - July 07, 2025 at 10:47 PM

CM

“ Gentle hugs, prayers, and condolences 🙏 to the entire Strack family. Blessed be his memory.



Claudette Moran - July 07, 2025 at 06:21 PM

DA

“ DarleneBarth purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Donald Strack.



DarleneBarth - July 07, 2025 at 05:44 PM

RB

“ *Randall State Bank purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Donald Strack.*



Randall State Bank - July 07, 2025 at 03:54 PM

RB

“ *Randall State Bank planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Strack.*

Randall State Bank - July 07, 2025 at 03:54 PM

SM

“ *I always enjoyed visiting with Donnie at Breakfast whenever I returned to Randall. He was such a good friend to my brothers Jim and Keith and stopping to check on Mom. My sincere Condolences to you Kay and Family. Rest in Peace Donnie*

Sharon Magee - July 07, 2025 at 02:27 PM

TF

“ *The Jerry Strack family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Donald Strack.*



The Jerry Strack family - July 07, 2025 at 09:20 AM

JR

“ Sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers to all of you. Jim and Shelly Robinson



Jim and Shelly Robinson - July 05, 2025 at 06:18 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donald Strack.



July 04, 2025 at 06:55 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald Strack.

July 04, 2025 at 06:55 PM